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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REF: BOOCHEVER - DALE LETTER OF JANUARY 8 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION USG MAY BE WILLING SHARE ON NESTOR KOMBOT-NAGUEMON, FORMER CAR FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, FOR WHOM CAR GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED AGREEMENT AS NEXT AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM. (PRESENT AMBASSADOR, CLEMENT SEVOT-MASSISSIA IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO PARIS.)

2. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO FIREIGN MINISTRY DESCRIBES KOMBOT-NAGUEMON AS LEFTISH (MARRIED TO FRENCH COMMUNIST) WHO IS SOMEWHAT CYNICAL AND UNSCRUPULOUS AND OFTEN IN NEED OF LARGE SUMS OF MONEY. ACCORDING TO THIS INFORMATION, KOMBOT-NAGUEMON FOUNDED PRIVATE DIAMOND PURCHASING COMPANY, CHENTRADIAM S.A., IN MARCH 1969 WITH CAPITAL OF FIVE MILLION CFA. HE BACAME PRESIDENT DIRECTEUR GENERAL, WITH TWO RELATIVES (BELIEVED TO BE FATHER-IN-LAW AND BROTHER-IN-LAW) AS PARTNERS,
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BUT COMPANY IS MANAGED BY DIAMOND INTERESTS

IN ANTWERP. KOMBOT-NAGUEMON IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN LINKING PRESIDENT BOKASSA TO THIS OPERATION. FOREIGN MINISTRY IS CONCERNED THAT KOMBOT-NAGUEMON MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ILLICIT DIAMOND TRAFFIC IN PAST AND WISHES TO AVOID SITUATION WHICH MIGHT FACILITATE SUCH OPERATIONS OUT OF BELGIUM AND LEAD TO DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT WITH CAR.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS USUAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON KOMBOT-NAGUEMON BUT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON HIS CHARACTER AND BUSINESS DEALINGS AND ON CENTRADIAM. DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BE PASSED TO BELGIANS. SINCE THEY ARE UNDER PRESSURE TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT, WE WOULD HOPE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION BY MAY 1. STRAUZ-HUPE

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